

CLAIMS

What I claim as new is as follows:

59. (new) A bottom fish rig comprising:

an elongated leader having two opposite ends, a leader hook end and a leader line end, said hook end having a leader hook loop secured by a leader hook loop lug therein, said line end having a leader line loop leader secured by a leader line loop lug therein,

a first movement stop frictionally connected to said leader adjacent said line end, said first movement stop abuts the leader line loop lug,

a second movement stop frictionally connected to said leader, said second movement stop located between said first movement stop and said leader hook end, said second movement stop is located approximately one-third of the way from said leader hook end, and approximately two-thirds of the distance from the line leader loop;

a c-weight that could be removed and reinserted without cutting said leader, said c-weight having a substantially c-shape that could slide along the leader for two-thirds of said leader, said c-weight having a first end, said first end having a first bore therethrough, said c-weight having a second end, said second end having a second bore therethrough, said c-weight having a gap from a first slot to said first bore on one side, on the other side said c-weight having a gap from a second slot to said second bore, allowing the c-weight to be fixedly connected to said leader;

a swivel connected to said leader hook eye loop;
a snap connected to said swivel; and
a horizontal unilateral three-prong hook connected to said snap,
swivel, and leader, said horizontal unilateral three-prong hook has a bent
eye and shank in the same plane as a vertical center hook barb and a
symmetrical pair of outer hook barbs which are disposed within a 180-
degree section, this placement of the barbs causes the hook to lay
horizontally and allows said hook to slide upon a lake bottom without
being caught on debris and to flip upright when the leader is being reeled.

60. (new) The bottom fish rig of claim 59 wherein:

said c-weight having a first end with a first slot connected to said
first bore on one side ;

said c-weight having a second end with a second slot connected to
said second bore on the opposite side;

said c-weight having a central longitudinal groove connecting said
first bore, said c-weight hull and said second bore; and

said c-weight having a central longitudinal groove therein for
allowing the c-weight to be fixedly connected to said leader.

61. (new) The bottom fish rig of claim 59 wherein:

said c-weight having a first end with a first slot connected to said
first bore on one side ;

said c-weight having a second end with a second slot connected to said second bore on the opposite side;

said c-weight having central bores in said first end and said second end to allow the leader to slide freely; and

said c-weight having a first end with an inclined first slot and on the opposite side said second end with an inclined second slot to hinder the leader from working its way out of the c-weight.

62. (new) The bottom fish rig of claim 59 wherein:

said c-weight having central bores in said first end and said second end to allow the leader to slide freely therethrough; and

said c-weight having central bores in said first end and said second end without any slots, gaps and spaces on the sides of the bores.

63. (new) The bottom fish rig of claim 59 wherein:

said first movement stop is comprised of crimped split shot; and

said second movement stop is comprised of crimped split shot.

64. (new) A bottom fish rig of claim 59 wherein:

the leader hook loop is formed by a knot therein, and the leader line loop is formed by a knot therein.

65. (new) The bottom fish rig of claim 59 wherein:

said horizontal unilateral three-pronged hook has three solidly joined horizontal barbs which are disposed within a 180-degree section;

said horizontal unilateral three-pronged hook has a symmetrical pair of outer hook barbs that are slanted upright; and

said horizontal unilateral three-prong hook has a vertically bent eye and shank in the same plane as a vertical center hook barb.

66. (new) The bottom fish rig of claim 59 wherein:

said horizontal unilateral three-pronged hook has a center hook barb that stands erect in the same plane as the shank and eye which are bent upward from the horizontal position; and

said horizontal unilateral three-pronged hook has three equidistant barbs, a center hook barb and a pair of symmetrical outer hook barbs which are oriented within a horizontal 180-degree section.

67. (new) The bottom fish rig of claim 59 wherein:

said horizontal unilateral three-pronged hook has a center hook barb that stands erect in the same plane as the shank and eye which are bent upward from the horizontal position; and

said horizontal unilateral three-pronged hook has a shorter center hook barb and a pair of symmetrical longer outer hook barbs which are located within the 180-degree section.

68. (new) The bottom fish rig of claim 59 wherein:

said horizontal unilateral three-pronged hook has a center hook barb that stands erect in the same plane as the shank and eye which are bent upward from the horizontal position; and

said horizontal unilateral three-pronged hook has a longer vertical center hook barb and a pair of shorter symmetrical outer hook barbs which are located within the horizontal 180-degree section.

69. (new) The bottom fish rig of claim 59 wherein:

said horizontal unilateral three-pronged hook has a symmetrical pair of outer hook barbs;

if one outer hook barb is about 20-degrees, the other outer hook barb will be about 160-degrees;

if one outer hook barb is about 30-degrees, the other outer barb will be about 150-degrees; and

if one outer hook barb is about 45-degrees, the other outer hook barb will be about 135-degrees.

70. (new) The bottom fish rig of claim 59 wherein:

- a) a long leader that is approximately 1-½ meters long;
- b) a short leader that is approximately 1/4 meter long;
- c) a preferred embodiment with a leader that is approximately 1/3 meter long;

d) a short leader that is constructed from monofilament fishing line or wire; and

e) a long leader that is constructed from wire or fishing line.

71. (new) A bottom fish rig comprising:

an elongated leader having two opposite ends, a leader hook end and a leader line end, said hook end having a leader hook loop secured by a leader hook loop lug therein, said leader line end having a leader line loop secured by a leader line loop lug therein,

a first movement stop frictionally connected to said leader adjacent said line end, said first movement stop abuts a leader line loop lug,

a second movement stop frictionally connected to said leader, said second movement stop located between said first movement stop and said leader hook end, said second movement stop is located approximately one-third of the way from said leader hook end, and approximately two-thirds of the distance from the line leader loop;

a c-weight that could be removed and reinserted without cutting said leader, said c-weight having a substantially c-shape that could slide along the leader for two-thirds of said leader, said c-weight having a first end, said first end having a first bore therethrough, said c-weight having a second end, said second end having a second bore therethrough, said c-weight having a gap from a first slot to said first bore on one side, on the opposite side said c-weight having a gap from a second slot to said second

bore, beneath the second bore is a hull hole and a hull hole plug, and said c-weight having a central semi-cylinder longitudinal groove across a bottom of a hollow c-weight hull therein for the option of allowing the c-weight to be fixedly connected to said leader;

the hull hole plug stops material from entering and leaving the hollow c-weight hull;

a swivel connected to said leader hook eye loop;

a snap connected to said swivel; and

a horizontal unilateral three-prong hook connected to said snap, swivel, and leader, said horizontal unilateral three-prong hook has a bent eye and shank in the same plane as a vertical center hook barb and a symmetrical pair of outer hook barbs which are disposed within a 180-degree section, this placement of the barbs causes the hook to lay horizontally and allows said hook to slide upon a lake bottom without being caught on debris and to flip upright when the leader is being reeled.

72. (new) The bottom fish rig of claim 71 wherein:

said first movement stop is comprised of crimped split shot; and

said second movement stop is comprised of crimped split shot.

73. (new) The bottom fish rig of claim 71 wherein:

said c-weight having said hollow c-weight hull that could be removed and reinserted without cutting said leader;

said hollow c-weight hull having a c-weight hull plug;

said hollow c-weight hull having an adjacent first end with a first slot connected to said first bore on one side;

said hollow c-weight hull having an adjacent second end with a second slot connected to said second bore on the opposite side;

said hollow c-weight hull having a central longitudinal groove connecting said first bore, said c-weight hull and said second bore; and

said hollow c-weight hull having an external central longitudinal groove therein for allowing the c-weight to be fixedly connected to said leader.

74. (new) The bottom fish rig of claim 71 wherein:

said c-weight having said hollow c-weight hull that could be removed and reinserted without cutting said leader;

said hollow c-weight hull having a c-weight hull plug;

said hollow c-weight hull having an adjacent first end with a first slot connected to said first bore on one side ;

said hollow c-weight hull having an adjacent second end with a second slot connected to said second bore on the opposite side;

said hollow c-weight hull having adjacent central bores in said first end and said second end to allow the leader to slide freely; and

said hollow c-weight hull having an adjacent first end with an inclined first slot and on the opposite side said second end with an inclined second slot to hinder the leader from working its way out of the c-weight.

75. (new) The bottom fish rig of claim 71 wherein:
- said hollow c-weight hull having a c-weight hull plug;
 - said hollow c-weight hull having adjacent central bores in said first end and said second end to allow the leader to slide freely within; and
 - said hollow c-weight hull having adjacent central bores in said first end and said second end without any slots, gaps and spaces on the sides of the bores.
76. (new) In combination, the bottom fish rig of claim 71 wherein:
- said removable sliding c-weight with a hollow c-weight hull having a c-weight hull hole and having a c-weight hull hole plug that stops material from entering and leaving a hollow c-weight hull;
 - said removable sliding c-weight with a hollow c-weight hull having a c-weight hull hole in which small objects and different substances could be inserted into the c-weight hull hole including sand, clay, pebbles, stones, glass, ceramics, brick, silicone, plastic, cement, epoxy, glue and including any from the group consisting of pieces of metal, lead pellets and lead substitutes including different alloys of iron, steel, aluminum, tin, brass, bronze, zinc, nickel, bismuth, and recyclable byproducts, and
 - said removable sliding c-weight with a hollow c-weight hull having a c-weight hull hole in which dense material with specific gravity

heavier than water is inserted with different fluids including water with dissolved products, pheromones, scents, flavors, blood, egg, grounded fish parts, poultry, beef liver, insect parts, fish attractants, fruit, sugar, jelly, cheese, bread, food products; and

whererin the hollow c-weight hull includes small through holes to allow passage of the objects, substances or material to attract fish with the contents.

77. (new) In combination, the bottom fish rig of claim 71 wherein:

said removable sliding c-weight having a hollow c-weight hull having a c-weight hull hole and having a c-weight hull hole plug that stops material from entering and leaving a hollow c-weight hull;

said removable sliding c-weight having a hollow c-weight hull made of various volumes and of many substances including lead, lead with a skin from electroplating, spraying, dipping, lead with a coating of zinc orthophosphate, paint, latex, vinyl, nylon, wax, gum, rubber, rubber composite, fiberglass polymer, harden tar, with or without a sealer, polymer based composite material, and also a mixture thereof;

said removable sliding c-weight having a hollow c-weight hull made of various volumes and of many non-lead substances including different alloys of iron, steel, zinc, aluminum, tin, brass, bronze, ferrotungsten, and combinations thereof, and recyclable mixtures, plastic, synthetic containers, compressed wood, waxed products, epoxy, glue, rubber, and frozen fluids.